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## ***Kernan Announces Grants to Train 593 Central Indiana Workers***

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that four Central Indiana companies will receive training grants valued at \$118,800 from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Skills Enhancement Fund.

"We are proud to support Hoosier companies that are willing to invest in their workforce and community," said Kernan, who leads the state's economic development efforts. "It is essential for businesses to have these opportunities to grow and stay competitive."

- **Delta Faucet Co.**, Indianapolis, has been awarded a \$55,000 grant to train 325 incumbent employees as part of a \$6.9 million investment to purchase equipment and renovate its facility. Masco Corp. formed Delta Faucet Co. in 1955, which is now a world leader in residential faucet manufacturing. In addition to its investment in computer equipment, the company will provide training at the Delta Tech school of plumbing as well as training in computer skills. Training in Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) – a data encryption system for the Web – and ISO 9001, a quality program, will also be provided.
- **Magtech Systems Inc.**, Carmel, is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant to train one new and two incumbent employees following the company's investment of \$30,000 to purchase equipment. Incorporated in 1992, Magtech provides process-engineering services to the food and agribusiness industries. It offers complete process improvement solutions, including information technology (IT) solutions. The company will also provide training in Six Sigma Black Belt, a quality program.
- **O'Neal Steel Inc.**, Shelbyville, will receive a \$33,300 grant to train eight new and 194 existing employees in conjunction with the company's \$309,480 investment to lease new equipment. Established in 1922 as a small fabricating business, O'Neal Steel has grown to operate more than 30 metal service centers nationwide. The company will offer training in forklift operation, time management, problem solving, conflict management and blueprint reading. Technical certification as a Certified Quality Technician will also be provided.

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- **Triumph Controls Inc.**, Shelbyville, has been awarded \$29,500 to train 63 new employees following the company's \$2.97 million investment in manufacturing equipment and fixtures for the new facility. Triumph Controls is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Triumph Group, previously known as Teleflex Aerospace. This new facility will produce helicopter parts. Training includes brazing, spot welding, forklift operation, soldering, team building and shipping and receiving.

The Commerce Department awards Skills Enhancement Fund grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and current employees in basic work skills and company-specific skills necessary to support the project. Companies interested in learning more about the Skills Enhancement Fund or other Commerce programs should contact their regional Commerce office at 800.463.8081, or visit the Web site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

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